

SIERRA MADRE NEWS.

VOL. I

SIERRA MADRE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1907.

NO. 24

TWO NOTED SPEAKERS

Will Address Women's Club
Monday Afternoon.

MORE CHARTER MEMBERS

List Held Open to Include Those
Applying Monday.

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting at the Town Hall, Monday afternoon, March 25th, at three o'clock. The time has been extended for charter membership, charter members being received at this meeting.

The afternoon promises to be a very interesting one. Mrs. Andrews Stewart Lobingier, of Los Angeles, will give a talk on the progress made by women during the last century. Dr. Bagge,

who is a surgeon in the U. S. Navy, will tell of the life on the island of Guam. Dr. Bagge was stationed on this island six years, and is in a position to relate facts of vital interest as to the customs and ways of the people on this far away island. He has photographs of views on the island which will aid in giving an idea of the scenery.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At Meeting of Water Company Directors Friday Night.

Friday night the adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Water Company occurred at the Town Hall to receive the announcement of the result of the election of directors at the regular meeting Thursday.

The count of the ballots showed the following list of directors:

J. G. Blumer, N. H. Hosmer, E. W. Camp, J. A. Osgood, J. J. Hart, C. W. Jones and A. N. Carter, the first five of whom were members of the old board, Messrs. Jones and Carter taking the places of E. H. Vannier and W. S. Andrews.

Immediately after the adjournment the board met and perfected its organization by the election of J. G. Blumer as president; N. H. Hosmer, vice president; S. R. Norris, secretary; and G. E. Morgan, superintendent.

The next meeting will be held the first Monday in April.

Mr. S. B. Lewis, who has been at Sierra Madre this winter, with an office in the News building, has returned to his home in Los Angeles on account of a somewhat serious attack of illness.

LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB

Will Arrange for Concert to Be Given
in April.

On Friday of this week the Ladies' Musical Club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Ivor Thomas, on Mariposa avenue, when arrangements will be completed for the concert to be given in April.

March 29th, the regular fort-nightly meeting, which always includes a program of both vocal and instrumental music, will be held at the town hall as usual.

All ladies who are interested in music are cordially invited to become members, and may do so on payment of a fee of one dollar.

Under the leadership of Mrs. L. E. Lyon the chorus has done excellent work, and, having among its members a number of talented musicians, the prospects are bright for the future.

The piano recently purchased and placed in the hall will add materially to the enjoyment of all persons who attend entertainments at that place.

"DARKTOWN STARS"

Banquet at Hotel Shirley to Celebrate Pasadena Success.

The Sierra Madre Darktown Stars celebrated their Pasadena success with a dinner at the Hotel Shirley on Wednesday evening. There were twenty-four people seated at one long table which was decorated with roses and smilax, and each place card was decorated with a Cecil Bruner rose. After a delightful six-course dinner the evening was wound up with an informal dance in the hall. Among those present were Mesdames Collins, Ferry, Camp, Ward, Webster, Hosmer, Bechtelheimer, Matin, Potter; Misses Edna Staples, Lydia Webster, Anita Carter; Messrs. Camp, Ferry, Horner, Hosmer, Osgood, Van Graham, Bourke, Blumer, Webster and Bechtelheimer. The same people will be entertained at the Hotel La Pintoresca, Pasadena on Monday evening, April 1st, with a musical and dance.

"Darktown" at Pasadena.

The Sierra Madre "Darktown Stars" handed out a very high grade minstrel performance to Pasadena last Saturday night, and made a pronounced hit in that city. In the opening chorus it was announced that "Darktown is Out Tonight," and so it was, with the stars all brightly shining, their brilliancy only being eclipsed by the reflected light of Bones' diamond.

The house was large and appreciative, and the performance elicited merited applause. A neat sum was left in the fund as a result of the show, which was added to by the proceeds of a dress rehearsal in the Town Hall here on Friday night, at which a large number of Sierra Madre people were present to enjoy the fun.

NEWS' CASH PRIZES.

For the Best Essays by Children on
"Sierra Madre as a Home City."

We wish again to call the attention of the children of Sierra Madre to the offer made in the News some time ago of cash prizes for the best essays written by children of fourteen years or under on the subject of "Sierra Madre as a Home City." There is yet ample time for others to compete, and we trust a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity offered to earn a few dollars in this honorable way. As we said before, the names of the writers will be withheld until after the judges have awarded the prizes, but as the stories are published it will be under the author's name, and full credit given. Those desiring to compete will kindly at once notify the News of their intention to do so.

The prizes, as previously announced, will consist of \$3 for the first, \$2 for the second and \$1 for the third.

CALIFORNIA DAY

Will Raise Money to Rebuild
Churches.

Spokane, Wash., March 22—Pastors of Methodist congregations in Spokane and throughout the Inland Empire have set aside Sunday, April 21, as California day, to raise a special fund to aid in rebuilding the churches of that denomination in the Golden Gate state destroyed or damaged during the disaster last April. It is also planned to give a reception, in which all the churches will unite, in honor of Rev. John Kirby of Alameda, some time this month, should he decide to pass through Washington on his way east.

Spokane was among the first cities in the Pacific Northwest to respond with aid for the people of San Francisco following the quake and fire last year, and on California Day the same spirit is bound to manifest itself to assist in the work of rebuilding the churches.

Narrow Escape From Death.

Joe Kramer, a conductor on the Sierra Madre and Lamanda Park line, accidentally fell from his car going at full speed, near Eastlake Park, Thursday of last week, and narrowly escaped death. With the exception of a few slight bruises about the head, he sustained no injury.

Mr. F. K. Lusk of Los Angeles presided at the pipe organ last night in the series of recitals being given at the Church of the Ascension. Mr. Bechtelheimer sang "Face to Face."

We want ALL the local news. Kindly assist.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETS

Special Meeting of Members
Called for Saturday Night.

WILL APPROVE BY-LAWS

Fire Protection, Finances and
Improvements Will Come Up.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Board of Trade was held at the Hotel Shirley parlors Monday afternoon at which it was decided to call a general meeting of the board to pass upon the following by-laws, and also discuss several matters of vital and pressing importance. One of the first problems to be solved is that of raising funds, and the plan proposed by the News to raise a fund of \$5,000 by popular subscription was warmly indorsed by the directors and will be brought before the meeting. With this fund as a nucleus, some of the most pressing needs of the city could be taken care of at once.

One of these, and one which the board deemed of great importance, was to provide some adequate fire protection. At the present time should a fire break out the city would be at the mercy of the elements.

It developed during the discussion of this matter that there are very few hydrants in the city except those fed through a five-eighths inch meter, thus giving such a small flow of water that they would be of very little use in case of fire. It will be necessary to have 2-inch fire plugs at convenient places, especially in the business and thickly populated sections of the city. The Water Company will no doubt furnish these and water for fire protection to the city. Then a volunteer department should be organized with sufficient hose and equipment to make it effective.

The meeting will also consider the matter of pressing street improvements and street lighting, and a number of other matters which will be brought before it.

At its meeting Monday the board of directors adopted the following by-laws, which will be submitted to the members for their approval:

ARTICLE I.

NAME—

The name of this Association is the Sierra Madre Board of Trade.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT—

Its object is to obtain the organized efforts of our business men and citizens for the promotion of the business interests, growth and general prosperity of the City of Sierra Madre.

ARTICLE III.

DIRECTORS—

A Board of seven Directors shall be

elected from among the members in good standing, at the annual meeting in January, who shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS—

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and they shall serve for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. The President and Vice President shall be chosen by the Directors from among their own number, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the members of the Association at the Annual Meeting from among the members in good standing.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS—PRESIDENT—

Sec. 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors; decide all points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie; shall sign all contracts, certificates, checks, warrants, and all other instruments authorized by the Board of Directors, and perform all other duties usually incident to that office. He may call meetings of the Directorate at any time and he shall do so upon a request of a majority of the Board; and shall call meetings of the Association upon the written request of ten members of the Association, or on resolution of the Board of Directors, giving not less than 24 hours' notice thereof.

VICE PRESIDENT—

Sec. 2. In the absence of, or at the request of the President, the Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President.

TREASURER—

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, pay all warrants signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary; shall keep true and accurate accounts of the same; shall report at each annual meeting, and at such other times as the Directors may require, the state of the Treasury; and shall give bond, to be approved by the Board of Directors, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

SECRETARY—

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Association, and under the direction of the Board of Directors shall have charge of the furniture, books, and other property of the Association; shall conduct its correspondence, and shall act as Clerk of the Board of Directors. He shall collect the fees and dues of members, and all other debts due the Association; pay the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall present all bills against the Association to the Finance Committee for audit before countersigning warrants on the Treasurer for their payment; shall keep full and accurate books of accounts, showing all moneys received and disbursed by the Board; and shall give bond, to be approved by the Board of Directors, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—

Sec. 5. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association. It shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in its membership. Its regular meeting shall be held monthly on the second Monday in each month at such time and place as

the Board may appoint; and in the absence of the President and Vice President may elect a Chairman. The presiding officer shall give the casting vote in case of a tie.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERSHIP—

Sec. 1. Any person or firm may become a member of the Association upon application to the Board of Directors and receipt of its approval, by subscribing to the By-Laws, and paying the initiation fee.

Sec. 2. The admission fee of members shall be \$2.00 after the 15th of April, 1907; and the monthly dues shall be fifty cents payable quarterly in advance; or Five Dollars annually if paid in advance.

Sec. 3. Members whose dues are delinquent three months shall forfeit their right to vote. Members whose dues are delinquent six months shall be deemed to have forfeited their membership, and upon failure to pay within ten days after notification by the Secretary may be dropped from the roll by order of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Resignations shall be in writing, and none shall be accepted unless all dues are paid to date.

Sec. 5. Any person or firm having forfeited his membership under Sec. 3 of this Article, and desiring to renew his membership, shall pay all arrears due to the date of his loss of membership before his application for admission as a new member can receive consideration.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES—

Sec. 1. The regular Standing Committees shall be the following, with such additional Committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time authorize: Advertising, Commerce and Trade, Finance and Auditing, Laws and By-Laws, Membership, Transportation, Streets and Roads.

Sec. 2. Each of the above Committees shall consist of five members three of whom shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the several standing committees to take charge of all business referred to them by the Directors, the Association, or its presiding officer, and to make such original investigations in their respective lines as they may see fit; and the record of each Committees' proceedings shall be kept among the archives of this association.

ARTICLE VIII.

EXPENDITURES—

The members and officers of this Association, in its corporate capacity, shall not incur any indebtedness over and above the amount of money in the treasury.

ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS—

Sec. 1. A regular meeting of this Association shall be held on the second Monday in January, April, June and October.

Sec. 2. A special meeting of this Association shall be called by the Presiding Officer at any time in accordance with Article V, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws.

Sec. 3. Seventeen members shall constitute a quorum at any regularly called meeting of this Association.

Sec. 4. The procedure at all meetings

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ARTICLE X.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall make a written report of the work of the year to the Association at its annual meeting in January.

ARTICLE XI.

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the

members present at a regularly called meeting of the Association for that purpose.

The poet, John J. Saxe, and Oliver Wendell Holmes were talking about brain fever, when Mr. Saxe remarked: "I once had a severe attack of brain fever myself." "How could you have brain fever?" asked Dr. Holmes, smiling: "it is only strong brains that have brain fever." "How did you find that out?" asked Saxe.

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In London a lady said one day to Whistler: "Do you think, Mr. Whistler, that genius is hereditary?" "I can't tell you, madam," Whistler replied. "Heaven has granted me no offspring."

Chancellor James R. Day was once advising an undergraduate of Syracuse University to cultivate tact. "But, alas," he said, "I fear that advice on such subjects must always be wasted. On tact the last word was spoken by Barbey D'Aureville when he said: "If tact could be bought, only those already possessed of it would want to buy it."

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Mead has moved into his new home on Baldwin Avenue.

W. C. Hall of Grand View avenue has returned from Santa Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vannier spent part of the week at Long Beach.

Miss Hazel Hearne is spending the week in Los Angeles, visiting friends.

Readers of the News are requested to bring or send any items of local interest to this office for publication.

G. C. Morrill, of Los Angeles, formerly of Huntington Beach, a recent arrival in the city, has taken the Mead house on Auburn avenue.

Mrs. F. M. Coulter, and the Misses Reardons, of Los Angeles, Mrs. L. H. Rogers, of Redlands, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Pasadena, were guests of Mrs. H. J. Irwin the latter part of last week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational church will meet in the church annex next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is the social meeting and tea, and all the ladies will be welcome.

Mrs. Cook and Miss Johnson, of Chicago, Miss Marie Paine and Dr. Harry Haas, of Long Beach, and Mrs. Klinglesmith, of Los Angeles, spent Sunday with Mrs. Holmes and daughter, Mrs. B. W. Andrews.

Dr. Newbury of Central avenue, who is very fond of horticulture, reports that frost has done some damage to his apricot crop. Although a busy man, the doctor manages to find time to devote to his fruit and flowers.

Mrs. Andrew Pierce West of Los Angeles, who lately returned from China and Japan, entertained Mrs. Borglum at the opera Saturday evening. Quite a number of Figueroa street ladies were in the party, who afterwards took supper at the Bristol Cafe.

EARLY MORNING FIRE

Lucky Baldwin Loses Large Barn on Ranch.

About 2:30 Wednesday morning fire was discovered in the large stock barn on Baldwin's ranch at Santa Anita, thought to have started as a result of imperfect insulation of electric light wires. Six head of horses and mules and a large amount of machinery, grain and hay were destroyed, causing a loss of several thousand dollars. A portion of the building was fitted up as a bunk house for ranch hands, but fortunately was not occupied as such at the time, so there was no loss of human life. The building had stood about twenty-five years.

Y. P. S. C. E. Entertains.

"A Six Nights' Lyceum in One," is the name of the entertainment to be given in the Town Hall this (Friday) evening, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church. This is the first entertainment given by the society and a large attendance is looked for. Capt. Osgood, E. W. Camp, Leigh Smith, Mr. Dunning and Misses Dickson and Rice are among those taking part. The evening will be devoted to lectures, music and entertainment.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1907.

The board of directors of the Board of Trade at its meeting Monday afternoon discussed a number of matters of general interest, and will bring them up at the meeting in the town hall tomorrow night for discussion and action by the full Board of Trade. The directors are anxious that not only every member of the Board of Trade, but every citizen of Sierra Madre who is interested in the welfare and advancement of the city should be present and add their names to the membership roll. If any one has as yet received no invitation to join the Board of Trade, the directors wish to extend them, through the columns of the News, an invitation to unite with it in the work of placing and maintaining our city where she of right belongs—at the head of the list of cities of this class.

It has been said that the Board of Trade is merely a real estate scheme. Nothing could be farther from the fact. It is a movement by and for the benefit of all our citizens to promote the welfare of the city, and one in which all should take an interest and a part. If the real estate dealer is benefited by the increased beauty and prosperity of the city which will result from the labors of the board, the same conditions will benefit every property owner and every resident. We believe the people of Sierra Madre are broad-minded enough to realize this, and we trust that the meeting tomorrow night will be so largely attended and enthusiastic as to

prove that the city is thoroughly wide awake and alive to its best interests. Come out and catch the enthusiasm!

Speaking of the meeting of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Los Angeles, this is an event which will mean much not only to Los Angeles, but also to Sierra Madre and other cities in this part of the state. This great gathering will bring to this locality thousands upon thousands of men in the very highest walks of life—men for the most part in affluent circumstances, who will naturally take a great interest in the country visited by them, and especially in those localities presenting the most attractive appearance. Sierra Madre will no doubt be visited by a large number of Easterners, as a result of this convention, and it behooves us to see that the city is made as attractive as possible by the completion of any improvements that can be made before their advent. And this applies also to the other large conventions to be held in Los Angeles this spring and summer, with the attendant throngs who will be attracted by the low railroad rates. Let us prepare to give them a genuine Sierra Madre reception, and let it be one that will spread our good name throughout all the land.

President Roosevelt holds that state courts and legislatures have no jurisdiction to regulate the railroads. In this far-reaching contention the administration is supported by the opinion of the late Chief Justice Marshall. If this theory is upheld by the supreme court of the United States, which will be called to pass upon the matter at an early date, every act passed by any of the state legislatures since last June, or now pending, in regulation of railroads is null and void, and state control is a thing of the past. This would be not altogether relished by the advocates of state's rights, but if Mr. Roosevelt can control the railroads, or rather the governmental machinery that can and will control the railroads in the interests of the people, he will do more than any man has heretofore done along that line, thus earning the lasting gratitude of his countrymen and emphasizing the imperative necessity for another four years in the White House for Mr. Roosevelt.

Subscribe to the Civic Improvement Fund.

Al Malaikah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Los Angeles, is making great preparations for the coming meeting of the Imperial Council in May. The circus to be given at Fiesta Park April 4, 5 and 6, promises to be a winner. There were 5,000 seats sold the first day, and the capacity of the tent, which will seat 6,000, will no doubt be taxed at each of the four performances. When any work is undertaken by the Shriners, it is bound to go, even if it necessitates a trip across the burning sands of the desert. We wish them success in their efforts.

Mayor Harper of Los Angeles has requested Gov. Gillett to withhold his approval of Assembly Bill No. 266, on the ground that it would imperil the success of the Owens river city water project if it becomes a law. Whatever may be the merits of the Owens river project, Los Angeles certainly needs more water, purer water, and better facilities for getting rid of its storm waters, and if steps toward that end are not taken at once the city will soon bump against the most serious problem in its history.

Azuza, partly as a result of speeches delivered by Judge Silent of Los Angeles, but principally because of the public spirit and enterprise of its citizens, is actively engaged in a campaign to beautify and improve the town. A large sum will be expended in setting out palms and shade trees and in other ways making the place more attractive. This is commendable. Sierra Madre is also alive and will not be behind in the race.

Glendora has the incorporation bee in its bonnet. 'Tis a busy bee.

SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

Precipitation By Months Since November 1, 1906.

The following is a record of the precipitation at this place for the past five months, furnished by Mr. J. G. Blumer:

	Inches
November, 1906.....	1.34
December, 1906.....	11.82
January, 1907.....	15.47
February, 1907.....	3.92
March 4.....	1.26
" 5.....	1.91
" 6.....	.15
" 8.....	.07
" 10.....	.04
" 19.....	.12
" 20.....	1.33
Total.....	37.43

Public Library

OFFICERS: J. G. Blumer, president; W. S. Andrews, vice-president; Miss Lydia Webster, secretary; John J. Hart, treasurer; J. J. Graham, auditor.

There are over 2300 books in the Library, and the Reading Room table is supplied with the leading magazines and periodicals.

Membership in the Association is open to any person of full age, on paying an annual subscription of two dollars, or a single Life subscription of twenty-five dollars.

A monthly subscription of twenty-five cents entitles the subscriber to the use of the Library but does not qualify such subscriber as a member of the Association.

The Library is open five times each week, viz: On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoons from 3 till 5, and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 till 9.

Church Notices

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p.m. Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Strangers are cordially welcome.

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TIME TABLES

Pacific Electric Railway

Lv. Los Angeles	Lv. Sierra Madre
6 05 a.m.	6 15 a.m.
6 30 e	7 00
7 10	7 47 e
8 10	8 15
9 10	9 15
10 10	10 15
11 10	11 15
12 10 p.m.	12 15 p.m.
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2 10	2 47 e
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5 10	5 15
6 10	6 15
8 10	7 05
11 15	9 15

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Tales of the Trail

By Henry W. Montee

UP on the mountain a story floats 'round about an eastern scientist, self-centered and weak-nerved, who ascended one day and then positively refused to descend, like Depew and Platt. Got it into his head that the hill was about to capsize, the heavens to totter and the earth to reel. Moreover, he became terribly infatuated with the scenery below around Sierra Madre. So furiously did the wheels buzz in the poor man's head that two doctors were summoned to chloroform him and tote him down on a burro.

TALK with a dozen different men and twelve of them will invariably tell you they know a heap about human nature. Man is a conceited ass. Women, as a rule, have a deeper insight into human life than man ever dreamed of. The only class of human beings who really know anything about other human beings are those whose lives have been spent catering to the good of others. Hardship, struggle, disappointment, unselfishness—these are the things that force into us an understanding of life. Young Jim McNally, the man at the half-way house, knows human nature. At least he ought, for all the freaks in the country go up there. I was up there St. Patrick's day and found Jim wearing the green. Jim is an Irishman; so is his father. Jim and his business are interesting. Jim minus his business would not be so interesting. Jim lays no special claim upon a knowledge of human nature, but it is easy to see that he reads men like books. We're going to write up Jim and his business just fine some day.

J. D. Rasmussen, proprietor of the Central Meat Market, deals in ice, choice beef, mutton, fish, oysters, poultry and game in season. (Applause.) His place of business is just around the corner—you know where. Like most successful men, Mr. Rasmussen has a hobby. His particular hobby is a graphophone. Have you heard that graphophone? You haven't! Land sakes, where have you been hiding all these years? Well, that graphophone is the Seventh Wonder of Sierra Madre. To strangers it is the choir invisible. It makes that corner the liveliest, loveliest, lullaby-looloo spot in the Lord's most favored land. Sun or rain, it's just the same, morning, evening, or at noontide. At times the one, and two, flourish of a two-step breaks the silence; anon it warbles beautiful notes of the "Mockingbird;" imitates cacophonous voices of spinsters, the blating of martyred calves, the squealing of pigs, the moo-ing of moose, the gobbling of turkeys, the loblollying of lobsters, the barking of—take care, now, take care!

Then, too, our esteemed vender of carnivora thrums vigorously on a snare drum, beating time to the music of the graphophone. For three solid callow years Mr. Rasmussen boom-ha-ha'd for Uncle Sam in the navy. And when the two (Mr. Rasmussen and the phonograph) strike up the soul-stirring air of "Yankee Doodle" or the "Star Spangled Banner," piping juveniles yip "hooray!" and dance the can-can on the spot.

Long live the drum! Long live Mr. Rasmussen! Long live the graphophone!

SPEAKING of preachers, reminds us. In Los Angeles there are just three: Burdette, McIntyre and Mills: the first a Baptist, the second a Methodist, the third (you tell). The one you like the best depends upon the degree of your unfoldment. All three are big, broad, influential, and in deadly earnest. Burdette and McIntyre both feel reasonably certain that the safest road to Heaven lies along their respective highways. Mills claims he doesn't know; says he used to know but has forgotten. In days ago he preached hell-fire and brimstone and handed down other antediluvian dope in capsule form from the pulpit. He was once the leader of the evangelistic movement in America. Those were good old days, days when the preacher held sway over the souls of men, snapped the hypnotic finger and scared his hearers into believing they were born in sin, lived in sin, and died in sin, unless they did certain strenuous and incomprehensible things. Never a word did he lisp about modern science or the true philosophy of human life; all was "do this or be damned."

But Mills is progressive. He awoke one morning, after a horrid nightmare, and discovered that he was fifty years behind time. Fifty years isn't so bad. Over at San Gabriel the old mission bells still chime the Angelus and in many churches every Sunday morning hundreds attend services that reek with suggestions of the Inquisition, and make one shudder with memory of humanity's ignorance and servitude.

About three years ago Reverend and Mrs. Mills organized the Los Angeles Fellowship, with no other creed than this: each member shall endeavor to live unselfishly up to the full measure of his or her ability. A limited number of trifling semi-creeds may be found packed in around the edges, but unselfishness constitutes the pivot upon which the Fellowship revolves. And the beauty of it all lies in the fact that the movement has spread far and wide. Ella Wheeler Wilcox caught the vibration and her name is on the membership roll. Mills casts his lariat of twentieth century ideas over hundreds of stray mavericks, corrals them for

a Sunday or two, and the truth-hungry horde is his. These people actually believe that after having lived unselfish lives and Gabriel has sounded the advance, St. Peter will smile approvingly and keep mum while they slip through the gates.

Since coming to a realization of the error of his ways, Reverend Mills has tussled with an insane hankering to circuit the States, as in days of old, not to teach men how to die, nor to scatter seeds of orthodoxy or of superstition, but to tell them, in his opinion, how to live, love and be happy here and now. Recently the hankering got the better of him and he is now

touring Uncle Sam's dominion from ocean to ocean.

To be perfectly frank and fair with ourselves, we are compelled to credit Benjamin Fay Mills with being a great preacher and a good man. Nor can we afford to disparage the work of "Bobby" Burdette, Mr. McIntyre, or any other man who is really and truly trying to make the world a better place. The writer is not a member of the Los Angeles Fellowship, but sometimes in the dead o' night his conscience has its say.

When Reverend Mills returns go judge these things for yourself.

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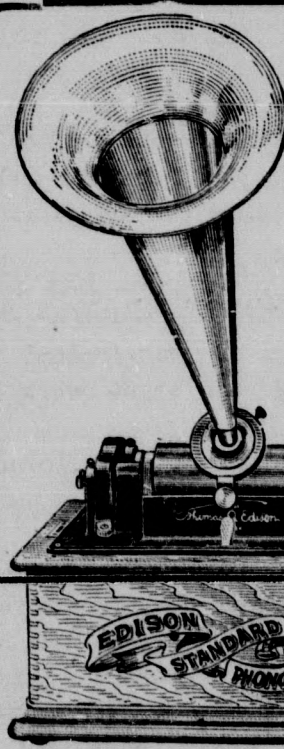
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J. C. Edouard Noetzlin, who raised \$150,000,000 for the czar's Manchurian armies in the Russian-Japanese war, and later floated a \$50,000,000 bond issue for the Pennsylvania railroad, says that in all of his travels throughout the world he never saw a section favored by nature as is Southern California. Mr. Noetzlin, whose nativity is Swiss, and whose banking operations center in Paris, has been seeing Southern California the past week. Thomas R. Graham, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, took Mr. Noetzlin in charge as soon as he arrived in Los Angeles, and he has had special electric cars at his disposal so that he might not overlook anything in this section.

Mr. Noetzlin's party went to Santa Barbara, and thence left for the north by way of the San Joaquin valley.

Local news items—mail them, telephone them, or whisper them into the editor's ear—the result will be the same.

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING.

A noted scientist reports a great calm in conditions on the earth at present, and is of the opinion that this forbodes future trouble. But at Sierra Madre everything is progressing rapidly, and indications point to an accelerated pace. Real estate here is good, prices are good, and advancing, and with coming improvements and the large influx of visitors this spring are bound to be better.

S. R. G. Twycross reports the sale of two lots on Lima and Laurel, opposite the Sierra Madre Hotel, in the Spaulding & Pinney tract, to Lucy A. Miller of Los Angeles, who will build on the property.

Also Lot 20, same tract, to Nathan W. Tarr, being a lot adjoining Mr. Tarr's residence.

Mr. Twycross also sold Lot 5, Lunt & Ritchie tract, on Central avenue, to Sarah A. Armstrong, who contemplates the erection of a business block. And Lot 12 of the Oak Knoll tract, also on Central avenue, to Los Angeles parties.

As an evidence of the prosperity of Sierra Madre real estate men, Mr. Twycross has invested some of his surplus in Ocean Park property.

C. W. Jones has a contract for the construction of a house for Mr. J. A. Adams on Lot 36, Sierra Madre Park tract, to cost \$2,200. This makes the fourth new house in five months to be erected on this tract, at a total cost of about \$11,000.

Mr. A. S. Mead has purchased Lot 6, Long Beach tract, No. 2, on La Belle avenue, and will build on the same at once.

For the past year there has been an average of about two residences or business houses a week erected in Sierra Madre. Let the good work go on.

The fine residence of Mr. Howard Hill on Grandin avenue is rapidly nearing completion.

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Coming to America.

Immigrants are arriving at New York from Europe in astonishing numbers. Immigration Commissioner Watchorn says that there will be a record-breaking influx of foreigners this year. The incoming stream of aliens will not abate until May, at least. Inspectors are examining and landing about 5,000 a day. Many thousands do not enter New York but are taken from Ellis island by steamboat to railway stations, whence they leave for the West and South.

ROOSEVELT FAVORS TAFT

Many Others Favor Roosevelt For Next President.

President Roosevelt was visited by two leading Democrats recently who brought up the stories that the president had boomed William Taft for president in his conferences with Governor Charles E. Deneen of Illinois. His callers report the president as replying: "While I have no right or disposition to dictate the nomination of my successor, I will say this to you, gentlemen, however, that neither the party nor the people could choose a better man than William Taft for president."

President Roosevelt did not deny that he had enlisted Governor Deneen in the Taft movement, the evident purpose of which is to prevent the Illinois republicans from sending a Cannon delegation to the next national convention. When Deneen, then state's attorney of Cook county, made the fight for gubernatorial honors, the entire federal crowd in the state opposed him. Since then he has kept his guns trained on them, and now that President Roosevelt has tasted similar fruits he is said to have found a strong ally in Deneen and his followers.

Protests of Senator Foraker and practically the entire Ohio Delegation did not prevent President Roosevelt from naming John E. Sater of Columbus judge of the southern district of Ohio. This was a strong Taft move. Now it is believed that Foraker will be a candidate for the presidency, so that Ohio will be divided between himself and Taft.

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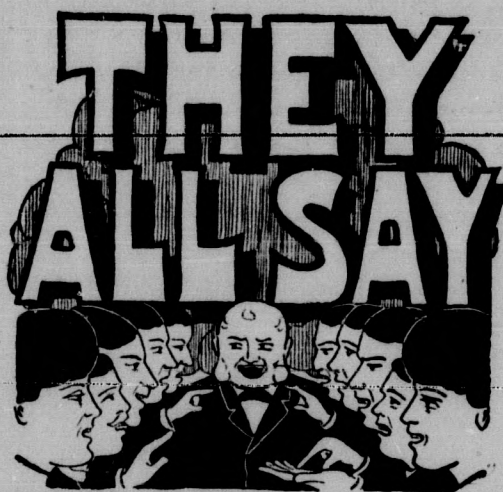
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Santos Dumont's New Aeroplane.

Santos Dumont is now engaged in constructing a new aeroplane which will be built on the same general lines as the one with which he made his first flights at Paris and which we have had occasion to speak of several times. The new aeroplane has the double wing form, which gave the first flyer the name of "bird of prey," and the spread of the wings from tip to tip is about the same as in the former one, this being 36.5 feet nearly, instead of 39.8 feet as before. As before, the wings will be made up of canvas covered cells resembling box-kite cells, covered with canvas, and the wings will be placed at an angle largely opened at the top. However, there is some difference this time in the material which is used for the wings. In order to make them more solid they are built, at least for the upper and lower bearing surface, of a thin mahogany board which the aeronaut considers will be an improvement. This time the wings are quite narrow, and measure only 60 centimeters in width. In the former aeroplane the width was 2.60 meters (9 feet). As regards the total carrying surface of the aeroplane, this is considerably smaller, and does not exceed 13 square meters (15.55 square yards). In spite of the use of heavier material for the construction it is found that on account of the diminution of the surface and also owing to the suppression of one of the rolling wheels placed under the aeroplane, the total weight of the flier is now lowered to about 30 kilogrammes (66 pounds). A new idea is that of driving the flyer in the opposite direction from the first one, and now the head will become the tail, and the propeller is to take the aeroplane forward instead of driving it from the rear as before. During the first trial it is intended to mount the 50 horsepower Levavasseur motor which formed part of the first flyer, and which we have already illustrated. After testing it with this power, Santos Dumont will then use the 100 horsepower motor of the same make which he had built recently. Like the former, it is constructed of aluminum very largely. A novelty in the flyer is the use of only one wheel to be mounted underneath the central framework. This is a small bicycle wheel with a rubber tire, and when upon the ground the pilot will sit so that he can touch the ground with his feet. The middle framework, of wood strips, is even shorter than before, with just enough room for the motor and the aeronaut's saddle. Santos Dumont considers that he will need a speed of 80 kilometers (50 miles) an hour so as to make the flyer sail up from the ground. This he may be able to reach even with the 50 horsepower motor, and with the 100 horsepower he expects to be in good condition for sailing. As there is not enough room around the present shed in the suburbs of Paris, he is constructing a new shed at St. Cyr, not far from Versailles, on a large tract of ground. The surrounding country is level and gives a good field for further experiments.—Scientific American.

An old colored woman was seriously injured in a railway accident. One and all her friends urged the necessity of suing the wealthy railroad corporation for damages. "I clar' to gracious," she scornfully replied to their advice, "dis ole nigga ain't done git more'n nuff o' damages! What I'se wantin now and what I'se done gwine to sue dat company foh is repairs."

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Strange thing about this rara avis, they never know themselves, even before a pier glass.

Of course we mean the idle old gossip who opens his heart as wide as it will stand without cracking, and then tells you—confidentially you know—"that they have never told the story before, and never want you to even whisper it to anyone else."

That's the kind of things you want to go gunning for.

All gossipers do not wear petticoats by any means. Possibly they make the most polished article, but this is even debatable. We have some curb stone orators who are "way up in G" at the business.

Gossip is like an avalanche.

You cannot break its momentum.

What it destroys is destroyed forever.

Gossip makes a heart-wound in your victim, deep and tearful. A life of rectitude may heal it over but the scar will ever remain.

A good rule is never to speak ill of any one. If you can't say something good

Shut Up!

And keep shut as tight as a clam shell.

"Don't push a man when he's going down the hill!" Little, dried-up runts of humanity can do that. Those who have come to the stature of "full-grown men," something better is expected of them.

Gossipers are warts and wens on the body politic, both morally and spiritually. They do nobody good. They may think they do but they deceive themselves more than they deceive others.

We owe it to ourselves as we glide over this beautiful boulevard of life, plush-like and velvety, strewn with flowers and fragrance, with virtues and graces and charms, with birds that sing music as sweet as the angel chorus, with a canopy above more beautiful than the paintings of a Muncasky or a Raphael, all the work of a kind Providence, to not only be good but to Do Good.

At the University of Wisconsin, a pupil undergoing an examination in English, had been instructed to write out examples of the indicative, the subjunctive, the potential, and the exclamatory moods. His effort resulted as follows: "I am endeavoring to pass an English examination. If I answer twenty questions I shall pass. If I answer twelve questions I may pass. God help me!"

A Good Model.

The imambra connected with the Mohammedan mosque at Lucknow, India, says Valve World, contains the largest room in the world without columns, being 162 feet long, 54 feet wide and 53 feet high. It was built during the great famine in 1784 to supply work for a starving people. It is a solid mass of concrete of simple form and still simpler construction. In its erection a mould or framework of timber and brick several feet in thickness was first made, which was then filled with concrete. The concrete was allowed about a year to set and dry, when the mould was removed. Although the building has been standing 122 years, it is said to show no signs of decay or deterioration.

New Life-Saving Device.

A life-saving blanket which in view of the recent Sound disaster, where so many lives were lost by the sinking of the Larchmont, ought to be of great interest to Americans, has been tried by the naval authorities at Kiel. The blanket is able to float three grown men more than forty-eight hours. It looks and feels exactly like an ordinary woolen article, has no disagreeable odor and is the invention of a Danish pilot. The experiments at Kiel showed that the blanket could float a solid lump of iron weighing eighty pounds for forty-eight hours, and that a belt of the same size as the ordinary life belt, but weighing less than one pound, would keep a man above water even after having been soaked in water for twelve hours. It is the intention of the navy department to adopt the life-saving blanket on all the government vessels, and it is also said that the two great Transatlantic steamship companies at Hamburg and Bremen will adopt the blanket on all passenger boats.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

There was a man who dined regularly at a certain restaurant. He paid so much per week. One night at dinner he called the waiter over and said, frowning: "Your portions are very small again this evening. As an old customer I generally have two pieces of beef, but tonight you have only brought me one." "By gum, sir, you're right," exclaimed the waiter. "The cook must have forgot to cut it in two."

"Such an amendment," said a Senator from one of the northern counties during debate, "would destroy the bill's meaning, even as the meaning of the epitaph on old John Skinn's tombstone was destroyed. 'An amendment was tacked to John Skinn's epitaph. It consisted of one word, the word friends. It was put on in the dead of night. The epitaph, previous to the amendment, read: 'He did his best.'"